

## RESOLUTIONS

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—MEDICAL CARE FOR PERSONS AFTER 65 YEARS OF AGE

S. J. R. No. 10

Proposing an Amendment to Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Subsection to be known as 51a-2; giving the Legislature the power to provide, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for direct or vendor payments for medical care on behalf of individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or over who are not recipients of Old Age Assistance and who are unable to pay for needed medical services; providing for the acceptance of financial aid from the Government of the United States for such medical payments; providing that the amounts paid out of state funds shall never exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds for such purposes; providing that certain means relating to the correction or remedying of abnormalities of vision shall be included within such medical care service or assistance; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 51a of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new Subsection to be known as Subsection 51a-2, which shall read as follows:

"Subsection 51a-2. The Legislature shall have the power to provide by General Laws and to make payment for same, under such limitations and restrictions as may be deemed by the Legislature expedient, for direct or vendor payments for medical care on behalf of needy individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or over who are not recipients of Old Age Assistance, and who are unable to pay for needed medical services. The payments for such medical assistance on behalf of such needy individuals shall be in such amounts as provided by the Legislature; provided, however, that the amounts paid out of state funds for such purposes shall never exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds for such purposes; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision.

"The Legislature shall have the authority to accept from the Government of the United States, such financial aid in the form of medical assistance on behalf of the needy individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or over who are not recipients of Old Age Assistance, and who are unable to pay for needed medical services, as such Government may offer not inconsistent with restrictions herein set forth."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at the General Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1964, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to authorize vendor payments for medical care on behalf of needy individuals sixty-five (65) years of age and over who are not recipients of Old Age Assistance, and who are unable to pay for needed medical services; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Federal Government for the purpose of paying such medical assistance; and providing that the amounts paid out of state funds for such purposes shall never exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided further,

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however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision."

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution giving the Legislature the power to authorize vendor payments for medical care on behalf of needy individuals sixty-five (65) years of age and over who are not recipients of Old Age Assistance, and who are unable to pay for needed medical services; providing for the acceptance of funds from the Federal Government for the purpose of paying such medical assistance; and providing that the amounts paid out of state funds for such purposes shall never exceed the amount that is matchable out of Federal funds; provided further, however, that such medical care, services or assistance shall also include the employment of objective or subjective means, without the use of drugs, for the purpose of ascertaining and measuring the powers of vision of the human eye, and fitting lenses or prisms to correct or remedy any defect or abnormal condition of vision."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and held as required by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Texas.

Passed the Senate, April 23, 1963: Yeas 29, Nays 1; passed the House, May 23, 1963: Yeas 141, Nays 4.

Filed without Governor's signature May 30, 1963.

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— VETERANS' LAND BOARD—BONDS

S. J. R. No. 16

Proposing an amendment to Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas so as to authorize an increase in the total amount of bonds or obligations that may be issued by the Veterans' Land Board to Three Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$350,000,000.00); providing for the issuance of said bonds or obligations and the conditions relating thereto and the use of the Veterans' Land Fund; and providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Section 49-b, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, be amended so that the same will hereafter read as follows:

"Section 49-b. By virtue of prior Amendments to this Constitution, there has been created a governmental agency of the State of Texas performing governmental duties which has been designated the Veterans' Land Board. Said Board shall continue to function for the purposes specified in all of the prior Constitutional Amendments except as modified herein. Said Board shall be composed of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and two (2) citizens of the State of Texas, one (1) of whom shall be well versed in veterans' affairs and one (1) of whom shall be well versed in finances. One (1) such citizen member shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, be appointed biennially by the Governor to serve for a term of four (4) years; but the members serving on said Board on the date of adoption hereof shall complete the terms to which they were appointed. In the event of the resignation or death of any such citizen member, the Governor shall appoint a replacement to serve for the unexpired portion of the term to which the deceased or resigning member had been appointed. The compensation for said citizen members